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1. PRIME MINISTER/MINWAR GEN. OSCAR MOLINA PALLOCHIA ANNOUNCED IN A SPEECH ON AUGUST 18 THAT THE GOP WOULD CONVOKE GENERAL ELECTIONS TO RETURN PERU TO CIVILIAN RULE AS SOON AS THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FINISHES DRAFTING THE NEW CONSTITUTION. MOLINA SAID THAT THE ARMED FORCES GUARANTEE THE COMPLETE IMPARTIALITY OF THIS PROCESS BUT WARNED THAT THE LONGED-FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISTORTED BY STERILE CONFRONTATIONS IN THE ASSEMBLY.

2. COMMENT. THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS (SECONDED ON THE FOLLOWING DAY BY NAVY MINISTER PARODI) ARE ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE THE GOP PLACES IN THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE RETORNO PROCESS. THE PROMISE OF GENERAL ELECTIONS IS A TANGIBLE INCENTIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY DELEGATES TO GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS AT HAND, LEAVING BEHIND THE POINTLESS DEBATING AND POLITICAL POSTURING THAT HAS THUS FAR CHARACTERIZED MUCH OF THE ASSEMBLY'S PLENARY SESSIONS. APRA'S JULIO CRUZADO CHARACTERIZED THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS "USEFUL" IN THAT THE MAJORITY PARTIES CAN NOW  
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ACCUSE THE LEFTIST OBSTRUCTIONISTS OF USING DILATORY TACTICS BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID OF THE RESULTS OF OPEN ELECTIONS. CRUZADO ALSO SAID THAT THE PROMISE OF ELECTIONS WOULD BE USEFUL IN DEFUSING THE CURRENT VERY TENSE LABOR SITUATION. END COMMENT.

3. THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AT ITS AUGUST 18 MEETING DID GET BACK ON THE TRACK OF APPROVING THE INTERNAL RULES OF ORDER.

DURING THE SESSION, 19 ARTICLES OF THE INTERNAL RULES OF ORDER WERE APPROVED, LEAVING ONLY FOUR TO BE APPROVED. (ONE OF THESE -- ARTICLE 3 -- CONCERNS THE AUTHORITY OF THE ASSEMBLY OVER WHICH THERE IS SHARP DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MODERATE PARTIES AND THE LEFT AS NOTED IN REFTEL). HAYA DE LA TORRE WAS IN LARGE PART RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING THE ATTENTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO THE MATTER AT HAND - THE APPROVAL OF THE INTERNAL RULES OF ORDER. THE AUGUST 18 MEETING HAD BEGUN WITH A PROLONGED DISCUSSION OF THE STRIKING MINE WORKERS. HOWEVER, HAYA ASSERTED HIS LEADERSHIP AND BESEECHED GENARO LEDESMA AS THE "LEADER OF THE LEFTIST BANK" TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE RULES OF ORDER. LEDESMA AGREED TO POSTPONE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE MINE WORKERS FOR A DAY OR TWO AND THE 19 ARTICLES WERE THEN APPROVED RATHER QUICKLY. DECON 2-21-79. SHLAUDEMAN

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